



Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. *Green Lodging* is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



SpringHill Suites

Virginia Beach Oceanfront

SpringHill Suites by Marriott Virginia Beach Oceanfront has 14 floors, 168 suites and two meeting rooms. The hotel features a seasonal outdoor pool and café as well as an indoor pool, Hot Suites Seasons Breakfast and oceanfront access. SpringHill Suites is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.

Green Lodging Activities. When visiting SpringHill Suites Virginia Beach, you can expect the following practices:

- (\$) Optional Linen Service
- **Recycling**
- **(\$)** Water Conservation
- **S** Energy Conservation
- **(\$)** Green Events Package

Optional Linen Service

- Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
- Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals

Recycling

- Recycle glass, aluminum cans, steel cans, grease, plastic, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, packing supplies, fluorescent lamps, batteries, and electronic equipment.
- Provide recycling can in each guest suite

Waste Reduction

- Tracking overall waste bills
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
- Refill water pitchers to minimize single use bottles
- Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste



- Use two-sided copying and printing
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase recycled content paper and toilet tissue
- Use latex paint
- Recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents properly
- Use preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing and vehicles
- Effective inventory system and labeling of last-in/first-out
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides

Water Conservation

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks
- Re-circulating dishwashers
- Low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
- Effective landscape management plan
- Effective storm water management plan

Energy Conservation

- Track overall energy bills and set a numeric goal to reduce
- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning
- Use natural lighting whenever possible
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances
- Lighting sensors
- Thermal rated windows and insulation
- Abundance of indoor plants

For more information on **SpringHill Suites Virginia Beach**, see www.SpringHillSuitesVirginiaBeach.com .

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



Virginia Green Lodging program is a supporting partner of *Virginia Green*, the Commonwealth's campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.





